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1. SURFACE AND AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE, EVALUATIONS AND
STUDIES BY US SCIENTIFIC TEAMS WORKING WITH DANISH SCIEN-
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TISTS ABOARD RESEARCH SHIP ADOLPH JENSEN INDICATE THAT
NO MORE OIL IS VISIBLY PRESENT FROM AUGUST 5 MELVILLE BAY,
GREENLAND OIL SPILL.

2. IN VIEW OF THIS, ON-SCENE COORDINATOR AND OTHER U.S.G.
AGENCIES INVOLVED HAVE SUSPENDED ALL CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS.
POSITION OF LOCAL DANISH AUTHORITIES ON SUCCESS OF CLEAN-

UP OPERATIONS IS NOT KNOWN; HOWEVER, DEPARTURE OF RESEARCH VESSEL ADOLPH JENSEN SUGGESTS DANISH AUTHORITIES HAVE REACHED SIMILAR CONCLUSION.

3. U.S. SHIPS, CLEAN-UP EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL UTILIZED IN CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS ARE REMAINING AT THULE PENDING FINAL DECISION TO TERMINATE OPERATIONS. SINCE RETENTION OF US PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT AT THULE INVOLVES CONSIDERABLE

EXPENSE AND IMPOSES SEVERE LIMITATION ON US RESPONSE CAPABILITY FOR US ATLANTIC SEABOARD WHERE A MAJOR OIL SPILL HAS OCCURRED, RELEASE OF CLEAN-UP TEAM AND THEIR EQUIPMENT FROM MELVILLE BAY OPERATION IS VITAL TO US OIL SPILL RESPONSE CAPABILITY. BEFORE THEY ARE RELEASED WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT DANISH REACTION TO THEIR DEPARTURE MIGHT BE.

4. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM GOVERNMENT OF DENMARK OF STATUS OF US MELVILLE BAY OPERATIONS AND OF OUR PLAN NOW TO TERMINATE THEM. IN VIEW OF COSTS AND OTHER PRESSING REQUIREMENTS, A PRIORITY REPLY IS REQUESTED. CHRISTOPHER

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